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HIS MAJESTY

IN

COUNCIL,

CONTAINING

RULES, ORDERS, and REGULATIONS,

FOR

The more effectual preventing the ſpreading of the Diſtemper which now rages amongſt the Horned Cattle in this Kingdom.

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AT THE

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AT

St. JAMES's,

The Twelfth Day of *March*, 1745.

PRESENT

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHEREAS a Contagious Diſtemper now rages in ſeveral Parts of this Kingdom amongſt Oxen, Bulls, Cows, Calves, Steers, and Heifers, which if not timely prevented, may end in the entire Deſtruction of ſuch Cattle: And whereas by an Act of Parliament paſſed this preſent Seſſion, intituled, "An Act to enable His Majeſty "to make Rules, Orders, and Regula- "tions, more effectually to prevent the "ſpreading of the Diſtemper which now "rages amongſt the Horned Cattle in this "Kingdom;" it is enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs, and Succeſſors, by and with the Advice of His or Their Privy Council, from time to time to make ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations, or to vary or repeal the ſame, as He or They ſhall judge moſt expedient and effectual in *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, and all other

His Majeſty's Dominions, for putting a Stop to, or preventing the ſpreading of the ſaid Diſtemper; and whoſoever ſhall offend againſt any ſuch Rules, Orders, Regulations, or Variations, being convicted thereof before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace for any County, Riding, Diviſion, City, Liberty, or Town Corporate, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, are made ſubject to the Penalty of Ten Pounds; one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh; to be levied by Diſtreſs; and in Default of Diſtreſs, the Offender to be committed by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices to the Houſe of Correction for Three Months; and that ſuch Rules, Orders, and Regulations ſhall be publickly read upon the next *Sunday* after the Receipt of the ſame, and the firſt *Sunday* in every ſubſequent Month, during the Time the ſame ſhall continue in Force, immediately after the Prayers, in all Pariſh Churches, Chapels, and other Places ſet apart for Divine Worſhip; and every ſuch Order, Rule, and Regulation, ſhall be kept by the Miniſter of every Pariſh Church, Chapel, or Place, who ſhall permit any Perſon reſiding within his Pariſh, Chapelry, or Place, to read the ſame, during the Time ſuch Rule, Order, or Regulation ſhall continue in Force.—And it is further enacted by the ſaid Act, That the Removal, Driving, or Sale of every Ox, Bull, Cow, Calf, Steer, or Heifer, contrary to any ſuch Rule, Order, or Regulation, ſhall be deemed a diſtinct and ſeparate Offence within the Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Act.—His Majeſty being deſirous of doing all in His Power to put a Stop to the ſpreading of the ſaid Diſtemper, has thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council (who have conſulted Phyſicians and Surgeons thereupon, and they have given it as their Opinion, that all the Methods of Cure which have been put in Practice, both at Home and Abroad, have proved ſo unſucceſsful, that they have rather contributed to propagate than ſtop the Infection; for while Means are uſing to ſave the Sick, the Diſeaſe ſpreads amongſt the Sound, and is increaſed more and more, in Proportion to the Number ſeized with it) to make and eſtabliſh the Rules, Orders, and Regulations following, which His Majeſty does, by this His Order of His Privy Council, requiring and commanding all His Subjects in the ſeveral Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and Pariſhes, and all other Parts of this His Realm, ſtrictly to purſue and obſerve, during His Royal Pleaſure.

Firſt, That all Cowkeepers, Farmers, and Owners of any of the ſaid ſeveral Sorts of Cattle, in any Place where the ſaid Diſtemper has appeared, or ſhall hereafter appear, do, as ſoon as any of the ſaid Cattle ſhall appear to have any Signs or Marks of the ſaid Diſtemper, immediately remove ſuch Cattle to ſome Place diſtant from the reſt, and cauſe the ſame to be ſhot dead, or otherwiſe killed, with as little Effuſion of Blood as may be, and the Bodies to be immediately buried with the Skin and Horns on, at leaſt Four Feet in Depth above the Body of the Beaſt ſo buried, having firſt cut and ſlaſhed the Hides thereof from Head to Tail, and quite round the Body in ſeveral Places, ſo as to render the ſame of no Uſe.

Secondly, That they do cauſe all the Hay, which ſuch infected Cattle have breathed upon, and all the Hay, Straw, or Litter, that they have touched, or has been near them, to be forthwith removed and burnt; and that no Perſon who ſhall attend any infected Cattle, ſhall go near the ſound ones in the ſame Clothes.

Thirdly, That they do cauſe the Houſes or Buildings where any ſuch infected Cattle ſhall have ſtood, to be cleaned from all Dung and Filth, and wet Gunpowder, Pitch, Tar, or Brimſtone to be fired or burnt in ſeveral Parts of ſuch Buildings, at the ſame Time keeping in the Smoke as much as poſſible; and that the ſame be afterwards frequently waſhed with Vinegar and warm Water; and that no ſound Cattle be put therein for Two Months at leaſt.

Fourthly, That they do not ſuffer any of their Cattle, that ſhall have recovered from the ſaid Diſtemper before the Notification of this Order, to be brought amongſt the ſound Cattle, until they ſhall have been kept ſeparate a Month at leaſt, and until they ſhall have been well curried and waſhed with Vinegar and warm Water.

Fifthly, That no Perſon whatſoever do buy, ſell, or expoſe to Sale, the Milk, or any Part of the Fleſh or Intrails of any ſuch infected Cattle; or feed, or cauſe to be fed any Hog, Calf, Lamb, or other Animal therewith; or drive, or cauſe to be drove any ſuch infected Cattle to any Fair or Market, either in or out of the County where the ſaid Cattle now are, or to or from any other Place whatſoever, out of their own reſpective Ground, while they are ſo diſtemper'd.

Sixthly, That no Perſon do drive or remove any of the ſaid Sorts of Cattle, whether infected or not infected, from any Farm or Ground where any ſuch infected Cattle are, or ſhall have been, within the Space of One Month before ſuch Removal.

Seventhly, That as ſoon as the Diſtemper ſhall appear in or among any of the ſaid Sorts of Cattle of any Cowkeepers, Farmers, or other Perſons, they do immediately give Notice thereof to the Conſtable of the Town or Pariſh, and alſo to the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Pariſh or Place where ſuch infected Cattle ſhall be, of the Appearance of ſuch Infection, or to any Inſpector to be appointed by the Juſtices of the Peace for the Diſtrict, where ſuch Pariſh or Place ſhall lie, purſuant to the Directions herein after given, to the End that the ſaid Officers may be the better enabled to do their Duty, according to the Directions herein after mentioned.

That no Perſon do preſume to obſtruct any Conſtable, Churchwarden, Overſeer of the Poor, or other Perſon to be appointed by the Juſtices of the Peace to aſſiſt in the Execution of the Powers or Directions given, or to be given, in Purſuance of this Order.

That whoſoever ſhall diſobey any of the ſaid Rules, Orders, or Regulations, ſhall be ſtrictly proſecuted for the Penalty inflicted by the ſaid Act.

And for the more effectual carrying into Execution the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and preventing the ſpreading of the ſaid Infection, His Majeſty doth, by this His Order in Council, ſtrictly command and direct, that the ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace for the ſeveral Counties, Cities, Ridings, and Towns Corporate in this Realm, where the ſaid Diſtemper has already appeared, or ſhall appear, do meet together forthwith, or immediately after the ſaid Diſtemper ſhall appear within their reſpective Diviſions, and ſubdivide and diſtribute themſelves, in order to meet in leſs Numbers in ſuch Parts and Places as ſhall be moſt uſeful.

That the ſaid Juſtices do conſider of ſuch Methods as ſhall be moſt proper to carry the ſaid Rules and Orders effectually into Execution, and for that Purpoſe, that they meet from time to time, as often as ſhall be neceſſary to anſwer the End of this Order, ſo long as the Infection continues in the Neighbourhood, to give ſuch Inſtructions to the Conſtables, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the reſpective Pariſhes, and ſuch Inſpectors, if any ſhall be appointed, purſuant to the Powers herein after given; to receive Accounts from ſuch Officers of what they ſhall do from time to time, in Purſuance of this Order, and ſuch Inſtructions; to hear Complaints, and puniſh Offenders againſt the ſaid Rules, Orders, and Regulations; to tranſmit to His Majeſty's Privy Council from time to time a particular Account of their Proceedings, and to do whatever ſhall be neceſſary to render this Order moſt effectual.

And His Majeſty doth further ſtrictly command all Conſtables, Churchwardens, and Overſeers of the Poor, and ſuch Inſpectors, if any ſhall be appointed as aforeſaid, as ſoon as they ſhall know or be informed that any of the ſaid Sorts of Cattle within their reſpective Diſtricts are infected, to go to, and take an exact Account of the Number and Sorts of ſuch Cattle in the Poſſeſſion of any Perſon, diſtinguiſhing the infected from ſuch as are not ſo, and to repeat thoſe Accounts weekly; and to ſee that the Infected be ſhot, or otherwiſe killed as aforeſaid, removed and buried according to the above mentioned Rules, and that all other the before mentioned Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and ſuch Directions as ſhall be given by the ſaid Juſtices, be punctually performed and obeyed.

That they do, from time to time, tranſmit to the Juſtices, at each of their Meetings, an exact Account of all that they ſhall do, or cauſe to be done, or that the Owners of the ſaid Cattle ſhall do or cauſe to be done, in Purſuance of this Order; and likewiſe of all Neglects or Breaches thereof, and proſecute the Offenders therein before the ſaid Juſtices, for the Penalty inflicted by the ſaid Act; and that they do take an exact Account of all ſuch Cattle as ſhall be ſhot, or otherwiſe killed as aforeſaid, either by them, or by the Owners, in Purſuance of the aforeſaid Regulations, and tranſmit the ſame to the ſaid Juſtices, together with the true and real Values of ſuch Cattle, at the reſpective Times immediately before they were infected.

That they take particular Care, that the Owners do divide their Cattle into as many ſmall Parcels as their Ground will admit of, and at ſome reaſonable Diſtance from each other; and that they do carefully gather or cauſe to be gathered up the Dung of all infected Cattle, and that the ſame be buried deep under Ground.

And His Majeſty doth hereby further command and empower the ſaid Conſtables, Churchwardens, and Overſeers, and Inſpectors, where any ſuch ſhall be appointed, to ſtop and examine all ſuch of the ſaid Sorts of Cattle within their ſaid reſpective Diſtricts found in the Road, or paſſing or driving to or from any Markets, Fairs, or Places; and upon their finding any ſuch Cattle to be infected, to ſhoot, or otherwiſe kill the ſame, and diſpoſe of their Carcaſes and Dung in the ſame Manner as is herein before directed.

And His Majeſty doth hereby further empower the ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, in caſe they ſhall find it neceſſary for the Purpoſes of this Order, to appoint proper Perſons to be employed as Inſpectors of the Houſes, Buildings, Ground, and Cattle, within their reſpective Diſtricts, to be aſſiſtant to the ſaid Conſtables, Churchwardens, and Overſeers, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

And for the Encouragement of the Owners of ſuch infected Cattle, His Majeſty doth hereby promiſe, that they ſhall be paid by the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury for every ſuch infected Beaſt which ſhall be killed according to the ſaid Rules, immediately after the Infection ſhall firſt appear upon them, one Moiety or half the Value of ſuch Cattle, not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings for each of the ſaid Sorts, excepting Calves, and not exceeding Ten Shillings for each Calf, the Numbers, and Values, and Conformities to the above mentioned Rules, to be aſcertained by the Oaths of the Owners, and Two of the ſaid Conſtables, Churchwardens, Overſeers, or Inſpectors, to be taken before One or Two of the ſaid Juſtices, who ſhall certify under their Hands, or the Hand of One of them, the Sums of Money which ſuch Owners ſhall appear to their or his Satisfaction intitled to, by virtue of this Order for infected Beaſts ſhot, or otherwiſe killed, ſlaſhed, and buried according to the above Regulations.

And it is hereby further directed, that for the better notifying this Order, the ſame be forthwith printed and publiſhed, and be alſo inſerted in the next *London Gazette*.

WILLIAM SHARPE.

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